

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract on unnumbered page 20 to read as follows:

A spring apparatus turns a spring (~~F~~) to be in a position suitable for delivery to a spring-transporting apparatus (~~T~~). The spring apparatus has a cassette wheel (~~3~~) which can be rotated about an axis (~~32~~) and has at least one cassette compartment (~~30~~) for holding the spring (~~F~~) in a first rotational position. Furthermore, there is a transfer element (~~32~~) for delivering the spring (~~F~~) to the spring-transporting apparatus (~~T~~) in a second rotational position.

(~~Fig. 2~~)